

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

TDS Metrocom, LLC)	
-vs-)	
Illinois Bell Telephone Company)	
)	03-0553
Complaint concerning imposition of unreasonable)	
And anti-competitive termination charges by)	
Illinois Bell Telephone Company.)	

**BRIEF ON EXCEPTIONS OF THE STAFF
OF THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

Now comes the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission ("Staff"), by its undersigned attorneys, and pursuant to Section 200.830 of the Commission's Rules of Practice (83 Ill. Adm. Code 200.830) respectfully submits this Brief on Exceptions to the Administrative Law Judge's ("ALJ's") Proposed Order issued on July 16, 2004 ("Proposed Order").

The Staff commends the ALJ for the well-reasoned analysis contained in the Proposed Order. Beyond being well-reasoned, the Proposed Order reviews the issues in a clear and concise manner, provides an accurate and detailed summary of the positions of the parties, and reaches conclusions that correctly apply the relevant statutory provisions, Commission rules, and past Commission decisions concerning carriers' termination liability provisions to the record of this proceeding. The Staff, accordingly, does not take exception to any of the findings and conclusions contained in the Proposed Order, without waiving the Staff's right to respond to the Briefs on Exceptions filed by the other parties. Nonetheless, the Staff provides the ALJ with the

attached redlined Proposed Order noting certain minor clerical-type errors and/or omissions. See Att. A.

WHEREFORE, for all the reasons set forth in its Initial and Reply Briefs, the Staff of the Illinois Commerce Commission respectfully requests that its recommendations be adopted in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

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